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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE, JUNE 8:

WARDEN WILLIAM GORDON, No. EDGECOMB: WARDEN INSPECTOR JOHN SHAW AND I RECENTLY OBSERVED A BROOD OF FOUR YOUNG WOODCOCK WITH THEIR MOTHER AT JEFFERSON. A MOTORIST ON ROUTE 27 IN DRESDEN REPORTED SEEING A PARTRIDGE WITH HER BROOD OF YOUNG CROSSING THE HIGHWAY. THE MOTORIST STOPPED, LEFT HIS CAR, AND WENT TO LOOK AT THE YOUNG PARTRIDGE. WHEN HE RETURNED, HIS CAR HAD APPARENTLY DISENGAGED FROM THE PARK POSITION AND GONE DOWN OVER A BANK INTO THE WOODS. HE HAD TO CALL A WRECKER TO GET THE CAR BACK ON THE ROAD. THIS WAS AN EXPENSIVE LOOK!

WARDEN OLIN JACKSON, SOUTH CHINA: A FEW BEAVER COMPLAINTS ARE STILL RECEIVED EACH WEEK. BEAVER SEEM TO BE COMING BACK TO THE SAME TROUBLE PLACES AS LAST YEAR. WE PLANTED 250 LARGE BROOK TROUT AT BOWLER POND IN PALERMO JUNE 7. THERE WERE QUITE A FEW TEENAGERS THERE WHEN WE PUT OUT THE FISH. THEY COULDN'T CATCH THE FISH FAST ENOUGH SO MOST OF THEM WADED INTO THE WATER WITH THEIR CLOTHES ON AND TRIED TO CATCH THEM BAREHANDED. THE FISH WERE WELL FED BEFORE LEAVING THE HATCHERY. CHILDREN IN SWIMMING DROVE THE FISH OUT INTO DEEP WATER. A FEW FISH WERE TAKEN EVERY DAY, SO ALL IN ALL THINGS WORKED OUT QUITE WELL.

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WARDEN CHARLES TUTTLE, RICHMOND: MAY 31, AT CURTIS BOG IN WEBSTER, A COW MOOSE WITH TWIN CALVES WAS SEEN. THE CALVES WERE WAITING ON SHORE WHILE THE COW MOOSE WAS ABOUT 50 FEET IN THE BOG FEEDING. KEN RODRIQUE. R.F.D. MAIL CARRIER IN RICHMOND, REPORTED SEEING A LARGE MOOSE ON HIS BACK LAWN.

WARDEN WALTER HARRIS, AUGUSTA: THE WHITE PERCH RUN IS OVER AND FISHING IS SLOW, AND NOT MANY FISHERMEN OUT. VERY FEW GROUSE HAVE BEEN SEEN THIS SPRING, BUT I HAVE SEEN MANY WOODCOCK. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE BEAVER TROUBLE IN THE DISTRICT.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: FISHING REMAINS SLOW. TWO CAR-DEER ACCIDENTS WERE REPORTED, ONE ON JUNE 8 AND ONE JUNE 9 AT NIGHT. A PARTY FROM CAMDEN HIT AND KILLED A DEER ON ROUTE 17 IN WASHINGTON JUNE 8 WITH CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO THEIR CAR. THEY WENT TO THE NEAREST PHONE TO REPORT THE ACCIDENT AND, WHEN THEY RETURNED, FOUND THAT SOMEONE HAD STOLEN THE DEER. I HAVE SEEN VERY FEW PARTRIDGE AND NO BROODS THIS SPRING.

WARDEN MELLEN RANDALL, LIVERMORE: BOATING ACTIVITY IS INCREASING. BASS FISHING IS SLOW, WITH ONLY A FEW FISH CHECKED OR REPORTED TAKEN. SEVERAL WOODCHUCK HUNTERS ARE ACTIVE IN THE DISTRICT. NUISANCE BEAVER ARE STORING WATER FOR THE HOT DRY SEASON.

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: A VARIETY OF COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED THIS WEEK. A WOODCHUCK WAS UNDER A WOMAN'S PORCH AND CHEWING UP HER FLOWER BED. A SKUNK WAS REPORTED UNDER THE SHED FLOOR OF A HOUSE IN THOMASTON. IT SEEMS EVERYTIME ANYONE GOES NEAR THE SHED THE SKUNK SMELLS UP THE WHOLE HOUSE, AND IF IT WASN'T TAKEN CARE OF THE TENANTS WERE GOING TO MOVE OUT! A MAN CAUGHT A RACCOON IN A TRAP AND WANTED ME TO TAKE CARE OF IT SO IT WOULDN'T GET IN HIS GARDEN. A RACCOON HAS MADE TWO TRIPS TO A HEN HOUSE, SCARING 187 BIRDS, SUFFOCATING FIVE. ANOTHER COMPLAINT OF A RACCOON KILLING 20 HENS IN A HEN HOUSE. FISHING WAS GOOD THIS WEEK ON BROOKS THAT HAVE BEEN STOCKED.

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FIELD NOTES/ADD 2

FROM SUPERVISOR ROGERS, JUNE 15:

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: ON JUNE 9, KNOX COUNTY FISH AND GAME CLUB HELD ITS LARGEST FISHING DERBY SO FAR. MORE THAN \$1,000 IN PRIZES WERE OFFERED TO THE LUCKY FISHERMEN.

WARDEN ORAL D. PAGE, BELGRADE: A MODERATE NUMBER OF WHITE PERCH DIED IN SALMON LAKE AND MCGRATH POND LAST WEEK, VICTIMS OF AN INTERNAL PARASITE, ACCORDING TO FISHERY BIOLOGIST BOB FOYE WHO CHECKED AND EXAMINED SOME OF THE FISH. THIS KIND OF MORTALITY IS VERY COMMON IN OUR WHITE PERCH LAKES AND RESULTS IN A MUCH BETTER FISH THE FOLLOWING YEAR. A CALF MOOSE FOLLOWED ITS MOTHER ACROSS A ROAD IN SMITHFIELD AND WAS STRUCK AND KILLED BY A CAR. A FAWN DEER WAS FOUND LYING ONLY A FEW FEET FROM A ROAD IN CLINTON. VERY MUCH ALIVE, IT WAS MOVED A SHORT DISTANCE BACK INTO THE WOODS WHERE IT COULD NOT BE SPOTTED AND PICKED UP. THE NEXT MORNING IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE DOE HAD RETURNED FOR IT.

WARDEN BILL GORDON, EDGEComb: FISHING ACTIVITY IS SLOW, AND ONLY A FEW FISHERMEN OUT IN THE EVENINGS, WITH THE MAJORITY ON THE WEEK ENDS. CROP DAMAGE COMPLAINTS ARE STARTING TO COME IN, AND STILL A FEW DOG COMPLAINTS.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: BOATING ACTIVITY IS PICKING UP. NIGHT HUNTERS ARE STARTING EARLIER EVERY YEAR -- HAD TWO COMPLAINTS THIS WEEK. DEER ARE COMING OUT IN THE FIELDS IN LARGE NUMBERS.

WARDEN HAROLD TUKEY, BELGRADE LAKES: SALMON FISHING HAS BEEN GOOD IN GREAT POND AND LONG POND. ONE SIX-POUND SALMON WAS TAKEN AT GREAT POND THIS WEEK.

WARDEN WALTER HARRIS, AUGUSTA: ACTIVITIES CONTINUE TO BE SLOW THIS WEEK WITH FISHING SLOW AND NOT MANY OUT. REPORTS OF A FEW SMALL TOGUE TAKEN FROM COBBOSSEE AND BROWN TROUT FROM FAIRBANKS POND. RECEIVED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS OF DOGS CHASING LIVESTOCK IN FARMINGDALE.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JACK SHAW, DIV. E, STRONG, JUNE 15:

INSPECTOR MICKEY NOBLE, DIXFIELD: TROUT ARE EVERYWHERE! I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE BROOKS AND STREAMS SO WELL POPULATED. HOWEVER, IF WE DON'T SOON HAVE A GOOD RAINFALL, THE FISH WILL DIE BY THE HUNDREDS. I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE STREAMS SO LOW AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. WHILE ON PATROL WITH WARDEN MARTIN SAVAGE IN THE PARMACHENEE AREA, WE CAME UPON A TRUCK DRIVER WHO HAD JUST PICKED UP A NEWBORN FAWN. HIS EXCUSE WAS THAT THE DEER WAS BESIDE THE ROAD AND HE THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE MOVED.

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: FISHERMEN ARE FEW AND SCATTERED. NOT MANY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT. THIS SEEMS TO BE AN IN-BETWEEN STAGE OF THE FISHERMEN AND THE SUMMER PEOPLE. I HAVE NOT SEEN A GROUSE BROOD YET BUT STILL HEAR MALE BIRDS DRUMMING. ONLY ONE FAWN DEER SEEN SO FAR. BOAT OWNERS ARE DOING WELL WITH THEIR BOAT REGISTRATIONS AND HAVING THEM IN THEIR BOATS WHILE IN OPERATION.

WARDEN WARREN ADAMS, DIXFIELD: SMALL BROOKS ARE VERY LOW, AND FISHING IS AVERAGE. PARTRIDGE ARE BEGINNING TO SHOW UP. I SAW SEVERAL FLOCKS THIS WEEK WITH SOME OF THE YOUNG ABLE TO FLY. SEVERAL TRACKS OF MOOSE HAVE BEEN SEEN TRAVELLING THE ROADS. CROP DAMAGE IS BEGINNING NOW WITH QUITE A FEW COMPLAINTS. FLIES AND MOSQUITOES ARE THICK.

WARDEN ALDEN KENNETT, BETHEL: DEER ARE SHOWING UP BETTER NOW THAN IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. DOES ARE MOVING AROUND MORE IN THE DAYLIGHT HOURS. THE WATER LEVELS IN THE STREAMS HAVE DROPPED MARKEDLY WITHIN THE LAST WEEK. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO HAVE INCREASED THE FISHERMEN'S SUCCESS.

WARDEN GRAY MORRISON, KINGFIELD: BEAR ARE SHOWING UP AT THE CAMP DUMPS. TWO ARE COMING AT DEER FARM CAMPS. FIVE HAVE BEEN SEEN AT PHILBRICK'S LUMBER CAMPS AT DEAD RIVER. BROOKS AND BOGS ARE DRYING UP DUE TO LACK OF RAINFALL.

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FIELD NOTES/ADD 4

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS F. COOPER, DIV. I, STOCKHOLM, JUNE 17:

FROM ALL REPORTS I WOULD SAY THAT THE FISHING REMAINS VERY GOOD IN THE DIVISION, ESPECIALLY IN THE BROOKS AND TROUT PONDS.

I CHECKED A FISHERMAN FROM ST. AGATHA JUNE 16 WHO WAS FISHING IN A BEAVER FLOWAGE ON A SMALL BRANCH OF DICKEY BROOK IN ST. AGATHA, AND HE HAD HIS LIMIT OF VERY NICE 8-12" TROUT.

BEAVER STILL CONTINUE TO GIVE US A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE IN WARDEN RONDEAU'S DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY IN ST. AGATHA, FORT KENT, NEW CANADA, AND VAN BUREN.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV. J, CARATUNK PLT., JUNE 19:

WARDEN MICHAEL COLLINS, NORTHEAST CARRY: MRS. HAROLD CARVER, BETHEL, AND MR. AND MRS. MERVIN POWERS, RUMFORD, HAD FAIR LUCK FISHING FROM THE SEBOOMOOK CAMPING GROUND. THEY FISHED MOOSEHEAD AND LOBSTER LAKES. MRS. CARVER HOOKED AND LANDED AN ONION BAG WITH FOUR CANS OF BEER, AND SHE ALSO HOOKED AND LANDED A FIVE H.P. MOTOR WHICH WAS FOUND TO BE IN POOR SHAPE. SHE ALSO CAUGHT ONE SALMON AND THREE TOGUE. MR. CARVER CAUGHT NOTHING. MR. AND MRS. POWERS CAUGHT ONE SALMON AND SIX TOGUE. SUPERVISOR BARRON: JUNE 14, A CALL CAME TO MY HOME ON A DEER-AUTO COLLISION AT THE FORKS ON U. S. 201. WHEN I REACHED THE SCENE, THERE HAD BEEN TWO ACCIDENTS INVOLVING TWO DEER AND TWO VEHICLES -- WITHIN MINUTES OF EACH OTHER AND WITHIN SIGHT OF EACH OTHER, ABOUT 200 YARDS APART. BOTH DEER WERE KILLED. WHILE WRITING UP THE REPORTS ON THE FIRST ONE, I WAS INFORMED THAT A CAR HAD KILLED A BEAVER JUST AROUND THE TURN AND IT WAS TURNED IN TO ME.